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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SEAMAN

REF: STATE 165310

1. INFLOT IN IL'YICHEVSK ADVISED EMBASSY JULY 15 AUTOPSY RICHARD N. MOEWS HAD ALREADY BEEN PERFORMED. CAUSE OF DEATH ESTABLISHED AS ACUTE HEART DEFICIENCY BASED ON INFARCTIONAL CARDIOSCLEROSIS. FYI: AS DEPT AWARE, SOVIET LAW REQUIRES AUTOPSY BEFORE REMAINS MAY BE RELEASED, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN INEVITABLE IN THIS CASE EVEN IF DELAYED AS EMBASSY ORIGINALLY REQUESTED. END FYI.

2. ACCORDING INFLOT, BURIAL AT SEA NEAR IL'YICHEVSK IMPRACTICAL SINCE GULF BANKER HAS ALREADY DEPARTED PORT, AND ARRANGEMENTS BY LYKES CO TO SECURE AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER VESSEL CONDUCT BURIAL WOULD LIKELY PROVE UNACCEPTABLY LENGTHY. UNLESS LYKES ABLE REACH SUCH AGREEMENT ASAP AND COMMUNICATE SAME TO INFLOT, ONLY ALTERNATIVE APPEARS TO BE SHIPMENT BODY TO US.

3. INFLOT FURTHER ADVISED LYKES HAS ALREADY PREPAID SHIPMENT REMAINS TO ANY DESIRED US DESTINATION. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS WITH DEPT WILL THEREFORE PRESUMABLY NOT BE REQUIRED. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP EXACT NEW ORLEANS ADDRESS TO WHICH BODY MAY BE SHIPPED IN EVENT LYKES UNABLE ARRANGE FOR BURIAL AT SEA NEAR IL'YICHEVSK. STOESEL

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